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PROTECTION OF VT TRAFFIC IN SONET NETWORKS

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**AMENDMENT D**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of March 15, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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**Amendments to the Drawings**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-3. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-3, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)  
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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